

and recreational purposes. I am excited to introduce this legislation and urge my colleagues to support it.

**HONORING BISHOP GUILFOYLE
HIGH SCHOOL**

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Bishop Guilfoyle High School girls basketball team of Altoona, PA. As the 2009 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class A girls basketball champions, the Lady Marauders have shown the discipline and teamwork required to achieve greatness.

The Lady Marauders have a rich history of achievement. Having won two PIAA Class A championships in three seasons, and five overall, the Lady Marauders are no strangers to success. Their season's record of 30–1 is tied for the second most in a single season in Lady Marauder program history.

This year's season came to a close on March 21st at University Park, PA, and resulted in a 49–27 defeat of Nativity BMV by Bishop Guilfoyle's Lady Marauders. The hard work and talent of the nineteen players, as well as their five coaches, most certainly led to this rewarding experience.

These young women are exemplary athletes and their pride in their performance is an inspiration to all of Blair County. I believe that this championship will be one of many successes in the lives of these talented players and coaches, and I congratulate them for all their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ISAIAH R. MCGEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding constituent and an award-winning educator, Dr. Isaiah R. McGee. Dr. McGee is a 2009 recipient of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Inc. Excellence in Teaching Award. He is the director of choral studies and assistant professor of music at Claflin University. He also directs the Claflin University Concert Choir.

Dr. McGee is a native South Carolinian, having been born and raised in Anderson. He is a graduate of my alma mater, South Carolina State University, and earned his masters from the University of South Carolina. Dr. McGee earned his doctorate from Florida State University in Music Education—Choral Conducting, and served as a graduate assistant and director of the Gospel Choir at Florida State.

During his career, Dr. McGee has earned a reputation as an accomplished vocalist, conductor, adjudicator, and clinician. He has international experience, debuting as the Conte in Cimarosa's *Il Convito* at Teatro Signorelli in Cortona, Italy. He stays very active in professional organizations including the American Choral Directors Association and MENC.

Dr. McGee joined the Claflin University faculty in 1997, and has made an enviable mark on the Orangeburg campus. Dr. McGee is always looking for ways to enrich the experiences of his students to promote their performance and their commitment to their craft. Last year, he took Claflin's Concert Choir to China to participate in the pre-Olympic ceremonies. They performed in both Beijing and Shanghai.

Dr. McGee has developed a great deal of respect from his colleagues and students. Claflin University's president Dr. Henry Tisdale calls him "an exemplary member of our faculty and committed to teaching and service." Claflin's vice president for academic affairs Dr. George Miller says, "Dr. McGee's approach to teaching and scholarship with his student partners demonstrates the strength of the amalgam that results when theory and practice are combined."

Dr. McGee was selected for the Excellence in Teaching Award by his peers at Claflin University. The purpose of the award is to honor faculty members who demonstrate the highest standards of teaching that encourage students to strive for excellence in their studies and intellectual pursuits. In addition to the recognition, Dr. McGee receives a \$3,000 grant to be used for professional development opportunities.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in applauding the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Isaiah McGee. He is an extraordinary example of an educator who inspires intellectual curiosity and demands outside enrichment to ensure his students reach their full potential. This award is well deserved and is recognition of a job well done.

SAMUEL MARKOFF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samuel Markoff who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samuel Markoff is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samuel Markoff is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Samuel Markoff for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE
OF OTTAWA, OHIO

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

Whereas Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA extends his congratulations on the occasion of the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Village of Ottawa, Ohio; and

Whereas Ottawa, Ohio has been a proud member of the Northwest Ohio community since 1834; and

Whereas the citizens of Ottawa, Ohio provide friendship and tradition to all those in Northwest Ohio; and

Whereas Ottawa, Ohio has a long history of fostering business, education, and community relationships; therefore, be it

Resolved The people of Northwest Ohio are grateful for the service of the citizens and employers of Ottawa, Ohio. Ohio's Fifth Congressional District is well served by their dedication and support. We wish Ottawa, Ohio all the best during its celebration of the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth anniversary.

**TRIBUTE TO GENERAL DAVID D.
MCKIERNAN**

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments, dedication, public service and valor of General David D. McKiernan, U.S. Army, outgoing Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander U.S. Forces Afghanistan, who served our Nation with distinction during 37 years of faithful service. General McKiernan will retire from the Army on 1 August 2009, and we owe him our thanks and gratitude for his many efforts and years of service on behalf of our Nation.

A native of Ft. McPherson, Georgia, General McKiernan entered the U.S. Army in 1972, after graduating from the College of William and Mary and receiving a ROTC commission from the U.S. Army. During the course of his career he served at every level from platoon leader to four star commander. The units he commanded included the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor (Iron Knights), 1st Armored Division, 1st Brigade (Iron Horse) 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and 3rd U.S. Army/Combined Forces Land Component Command. He culminated his career serving as the theater commander—COMISAF/US Forces Afghanistan.

This superb officer performed key leadership roles during many of the crises and operations of the past 15 years. He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff G–2/G–3 with the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corp) while forward deployed in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. From August 1998 until September 1999, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters, United States